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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question of property or the amount of the property was not investigated."

SRI P. B. K. RAJA CHIDAMBARAM :—" Sir, in view of the recent cut imposed on the salary of the gazetted officers, will the Government consider the question of extending these concessions to their children also? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government cannot consider the question in respect of those who are drawing above Rs. 300."

*Irrigation schemes for Pudukkottai Division.*

* 134 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal of introducing a canal of the Cauvery into Pudukottai Division, Tiruchirapalli district, other than the Olavayal Canal recently opened;

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposals of Major Irrigation Schemes for Pudukottai Division, Tiruchirapalli district;

(*c*) if so, what the proposals are;

(*d*) whether the Manyavayal Anicut Scheme in Karambakudi vattam, Alangudi taluk, Pudukottai Division, Tiruchirapalli district, is under the active consideration of the Government; and

(*e*) if so, when the scheme is likely to be taken up for execution?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The possibility of the following four schemes are being examined :

(1) Construction of an anicut across the Vellar in Sundarapatti village.

(2) Construction of an anicut across the Vellar in Mirattunilai vattam.

(3) Construction of an anicut across the Agniar near Sivayakudi.

(4) Construction of an anicut across the Agniar near Karambakudi.

" (*d*) & (*e*) The scheme is under examination by local Public Works Department Officers. The decision as to feasibility must await this examination."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, how long the scheme under clause (*d*) of the question has been under the examination of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The Chief Engineer, Irrigation, has reported in July in connection with a Legislative Assembly question that the ryots were not definite about the exact place in which they want the anicut

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and they appear to have made frequent representations to shift the site from place to place. He had therefore instructed the local officers to examine the proposal and select a suitable site for the anicut, to yield maximum benefits with minimum cost, without affecting lower riparian rights. The Chief Engineer now states that a further report from the Superintending Engineer is awaited. On receipt of the Chief Engineer's report, necessary action will be taken separately."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" காவேரி ஆற்றின் வாய்க்கால்களில் அநேகம் இடங்களில் மண் மேடிட்டு கரைகள் தூர்ந்து இருப்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? அவைகளை மராமத்து செய்தால் இந்த பஞ்ச காலத்தில் பலருக்கு வேலை கொடுப்பதுடன் உணவு உற்பத்தியைப் பெருக்குவதற்கும் முடியும் என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா."

MR. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் வேறு கேள்வியாக எழுதிக்கொடுங்கள்."

*Direct recruitment of District and Sessions Judges.*

* 135 Q.—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government recently appointed a member of the Bar as District and Sessions Judge by direct recruitment;

(b) whether the High Court was asked to submit a panel of persons before selection for the purpose and, if so, how many were in the panel;

(c) whether the panel contained members belonging to Harijan and Backward communities;

(d) if so, why a person belonging to Harijan or Backward community was not selected; and

(e) what were the special qualifications of the selected person?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Yes. The High Court sent a panel of five names.

" (c) No, Sir. A special reference was also made to the High Court to give consideration to applications from qualified members of the Backward communities.

" (d) The High Court did not consider any applicant of these communities as good enough for the panel and so the question does not arise.

" (e) Sri S. Rangarajan, who was selected for the post, is an M.L. in Constitutional Law and International Law and was the recipient of the Wallace Gold Medal awarded by the Madras Bar Council in 1938. The High Court left all the five to be considered as equally good. Government are of the opinion that the person selected and appointed was undoubtedly the best of the five. The appointment probably means reduced emoluments to the gentleman. The High Court has said that he was enrolled as an advocate in August 1938 and commands an extensive and lucrative practice and